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Addendum

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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (item 4 (b))

Section 15. International drug control

1. At its 19th and 20th meetings, on 17 June 1999, the Committee considered section 15, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6 (Sect. 15)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme, which was seen as tackling an issue of worldwide importance, and was one of the areas of work designated as a priority by the General Assembly. The strengthening of the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board was welcomed. It was stated that the programme narrative should follow the medium-term plan closely and that, if new decisions were to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, the programme of work should be adjusted accordingly. The view was expressed that the proposed programme of work did not reflect a balance between demand and supply and the need for a more balanced approach was emphasized. It was suggested that the narrative should highlight the work related to money-laundering. The view was expressed that the presentation of the general objectives of the programme was confused and opaque.

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4. The importance of activities related to the issue of amphetamine type stimulants was highlighted. It was suggested that the *World Drug Report* should contain information on best practices as well as information on specific countries. The need to provide assistance to countries used as transit routes was emphasized.

5. Statements of expected accomplishments for the biennium were welcomed. The view was expressed that those statements remained general and were not accompanied by indicators of performance. The view was also expressed that expected accomplishments did not always adequately reflect the goals established at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, held in New York in June 1998.

6. It was noted that negotiations were currently being held within the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the procedures for the biennial reporting of States on their achievement of the goals and objectives adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly. A decision on this matter was to be taken by the Commission at its resumed forty-second session to enable States to submit their first biennial reports in 2000.

7. Efforts to reinforce coordination within the United Nations system and with non-United Nations organizations were welcomed. The view was expressed that those efforts should be institutionalized, especially with the organizations outside the United Nations system. The view was also expressed that the idea of institutionalization of coordination with organizations outside the United Nations system should be further considered.

8. The proposed increase in resources, in particular for the programme of work, was noted with satisfaction and supported. It was noted, however, that the difference between core functions to be financed through the regular budget and activities to be financed through extrabudgetary funds was not sufficiently clear in the narrative. More detailed information about the different funds should have been included.

9. The view was also expressed that the proposed level of resources was not fully commensurate with the scope of the programme of work and that there was a need for balance in the distribution of resources among the various subprogrammes. It was noted that the resources earmarked for consultants had a tendency to grow and care should be taken to use consultants for substantive programmes and not for administration. The need for a coordinated effort in training was also stressed.

10. The inclusion of a narrative on gender mainstreaming and the advancement of women in the overview was welcomed and it was stated that the Secretariat should have included reference to a gender perspective in the subsequent programme of work.

Conclusions and recommendations

11. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 15, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 with the following modifications:

(a) At the end of the second sentence of paragraph 15.4, the words ", as well as to meet their goals and objectives established at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly held in June 1998" should be inserted;

(b) In paragraph 15.32, (d), the words "including those countries that are not members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)" should be replaced by the words "and other Asian countries";

(c) In paragraph 15.35, a new subparagraph should be inserted after subparagraph (b), reading:

"Contribution to the achievement of the goals and objectives adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly";

(d) At the end of paragraph 15.36 (a) (ii) a, the words "Biennial reports on the achievement by Member States of the goals and objectives adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly" should be inserted;

(e) In paragraph 15.44, a new subparagraph (h) should be inserted, reading:

"Strengthen the capacity of the Board to prepare its report taking into account information provided by the interested Governments";

(f) In paragraph 15.48, a new subparagraph should be inserted after subparagraph (a), reading:

"Facilitation of the examination of the biennial reports on the achievement by Member State of the goals and objectives adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly";

(g) In the last sentence of paragraph 15.56, the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) should be inserted after the European Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction;

(h) The words "including production in enclosed premises" should be inserted in the following paragraphs:

Paragraph 15.63, fourth sentence, *after* cannabis;

Paragraph 15.64, last sentence, *after* illicit cultivation;

Paragraph 15.65, first sentence, *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.65, fourth sentence, *after* illicit cultivation;

Paragraph 15.67 (c), *after* cannabis;

Paragraph 15.67 (d), *after* cannabis;

Paragraph 15.68 (b) (iv) k, line 2, *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (ii), *after* crop cultivation;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (xiii), *after* cultivation;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (xiv), *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (xv), *after* cultivation;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (xvi), *after* cultivation;

Paragraph 15.69, (a), *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.69, (b), *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.69, (d), *after* cultivated;

Paragraph 15.69, (f), *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.70, line 9, *after* cultivation;

(i) In the second sentence of paragraph 15.65, the words "at their request" should be inserted after the word "States";

(j) In the last sentence of paragraph 15.66, the words "South-West Asia" should be inserted after the words "Central and West Asia";

(k) At the end of paragraph 15.66, the words

"Cooperation in North America on the reduction and elimination of illicit cultivation of cannabis, including, *inter alia*, in enclosed premises, will also be of particular importance"

should be inserted.

12. The Committee called to the attention of the General Assembly the fact that the action plan for the implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, will be considered by the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session. Should the General Assembly approve the plan, the Committee recommended that the narrative of subprogramme 3 be adjusted accordingly.